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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF LAINGEN TESTIMONY

1. MARCH 15 EDITIONS OF DIARIO DE NOTICIAS AND O SEculo
REPORT ON DEPASSTSEC LAINGEN'S MARCH 14 TESTIMONY TO HOUSE
SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. D/N STATES THAT LAINGEN "REAFFIRMED THAT NEITHER USG NOR
CIA WAS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED WITH MARCH 11 ATTEMPT COUP AND
THAT USG HAS MADE CLEARLY KNOWN TO PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN
WASHINGTON AND TO GOP IN LISBON THAT MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN
TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF U.S. MISSION AND AMBASSADOR." D/N
SAYS LAINGEN CALLED PORTUGAL AN "OLD AND GOOD FRIEND AND THAT
U.S. INTEREST IS THAT AN ATMOSPHERE IN PORTUGAL EXISTS
WHERE THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE CAN BE EXPRESSED. WE CONTINUE
TO APPLAUD THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL."

3. O SEculo CARRIED LAINGEN DENIAL. ALSO SAID THAT LAINGEN
WAS VERY PRUDENT ON SUBJECT OF POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR
PORTUGAL, SAYING THAT LAINGEN INDICATED THAT "USG LAMENTED
ANY OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF FREE ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL."

4. BOTH DAILIES STATE THAT LAINGEN MENTIONED USG HAD RECEIVED
REQUESTED GUARANTEES OF MISSION SAFETY. BOTH ALSO STATE
THAT LAINGEN MADE NO REFERENCE TO "EVENTUAL RENEWAL" OF
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AZORES BASE AGREEMENT BUT THAT HE DID SAY USG HAS AUTHORIZED

25 MILLION DOLLAR CREDITS THIS FISCAL YEAR FOR PORTUGAL AND
ITS "OLD AFRICAN POSSESSIONS."
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